

# R.O.A.R Report

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**Mission Statement:** *Is to be a school community where all learners (students, staff and parents) are valued and continuously strive to achieve our personal best.*

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**On-Line Family Handbook –** <http://www.rimrockfamilyhandbook.weebly.com>

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August 30, 2017

## Upcoming Dates

No School – Friday, Sept. 1 – Educator Effectiveness Day

No School - Monday, Sept. 4 – Holiday

No School - Tuesday, Sept. 5 — Teacher Plan Day

PTO Meeting - Thursday, Sept. 7 – 4:00 pm

School Advisory Council - Thursday, Sept. 14 - 4:15 pm

Picture Day - Friday, Sept. 22

## Focus on Learning:

### School Advisory Council (SAC)

We will hold our first SAC meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 4:15 in our conference room. Our agenda will include the following items:

1. Introductions and Planning
2. Review Safety Plan
3. Share and Review School Budget
4. D51 Learning Model

Carolyn Nenne will continue to be our chairperson. Any interested parents and community members are always welcome to attend. We are arranging for child care during these meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## Ways to Share our Work

Our staff is always hard at work to provide the best learning opportunities for your children. We want to encourage you to be a partner in this learning and work by engaging in conversations with your child about their day. One way we are sharing and supporting you with conversation starters is by posting weekly events and/or thought on our school Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Rim-Rock-Elementary-178372062579265/>. #LynxLearning #WeareD51

In addition, Ms. Davis has updated our site for our family handbook: <http://www.rimrockfamilyhandbook.com/>. Schedules, dates, important numbers and information are all available at the click of a button. We want your feedback on user friendliness, please keep us posted.

## Focus on Safety:

### Before School Safety



We have staff assigned to playground supervision starting at **8:35 a.m.** each morning. Children should not be on school grounds before this time as there is no adult supervision.

### Hand Sanitizer



I have seen quite a few students with hand sanitizer products in their lunch boxes. Please be advised that students should not carry hand sanitizer in their pockets, backpacks or lunch boxes. We will be offering hand sanitizer in the cafeteria and in some classrooms (it is kept and monitored by the classroom teacher). We also highly encourage students to wash their hands several times a day.

We appreciate your support of this safety effort and ask that you do not send any hand sanitizer products with your children.

### Drills



On August 18 and August 24 we held our first two fire drills.

The majority of our drills (1 a month per Board Policy) will be unannounced. Having conversations with your child(ren) about these drills will help reinforce the importance as well as decrease the level of anxiety.

We will have our first Lock Down drill before the end of this semester. Our first drill will be a Shelter-in-Place drill. During this drill we pull all students and staff into the building, continue our learning but ensure that students and staff remain in classrooms and in the building. Having this type of drill first, will allow students to get used to the idea of a lockdown and prepare them for our Lock Down later in the semester.

## Attention All Dog and Cat Owners

Our district **prohibits** any dogs or cats on school grounds (except service animals). Many of you have been taking advantage of the warm weather and bringing your furry friends along with you to school. Our policy includes pets walking to and from school.



Basically, they should not be on school grounds unless confined within a vehicle. As most of you know, I am an animal lover and enjoy seeing all of your pets; however, we need to follow the required State Health Departments guidelines ('Rules and Regulations Governing Schools in the State of Colorado', Regulation 3-402) and Board Policy IMC-R (Animals on School Premises).

## Safety and Flow of Traffic in Our Parking Lot



We have quite a few new families at Rim Rock so we wanted to share our expectations in the parking lot. To keep students safe, help with the flow of cars and prevent staff and parents from being blocked in, we have the following expectations:

- Stay in your car if you stop along the curb. The curb is for PICK UP / DROP OFF ONLY.
- Avoid stopping in the areas marked in red or outlined with cones.
- If you are going into the building, **please** park in a parking space or along the road – not behind parked cars or along the curb.
- For Safety reasons children are instructed to remain on the sidewalk until escorted by an adult to cars out in our parking lot. Please help us reinforce this procedure by discussing this procedure with your child.
- If you are parking on the dirt path along the fence, please park with your car facing South.
- Many families/students walk and ride to school together – please remember, for safety reasons, all bikes, scooters and skateboards need to be walked on campus – this includes adults as well as older siblings.
- Please refrain from cell phone use in our parking lot.
- **Please do not block the handicap designated spots.**

In addition, you can park all along J 6/10 – you can also park along the **west** side of South Fremont Street – however, it is a **no parking zone** along the east side (the fence side).

As a reminder, we do have two staff members serving as cross walk guards to assist students/families in crossing the street. Many families utilize these guards and stop along the curb to let children out to cross at the cross walks. We also have a large number of bike and scooter riders that support the flow of our traffic– rain and snow will add to the number of vehicles – keep this in mind.

We are always thinking of ways to keep your children safe and we appreciate your patience as well as your support in following these guidelines.

Rim Rock Families,  
Going home in your Wednesday folder will be a packet regarding SchoolStore fundraiser for Rim Rock Library! Online shopping at over 400 merchants will give a percentage of purchases right back to Rim Rock Library!! Students can also earn prizes for signing up friends and families that shop online! If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser please send all your questions to Mrs. Bowes in the library! Thank You!

## Focus on Our Community:

### Hello from the Counselor...

Dear Rim Rock Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Rim Rock Elementary School! I am starting my 5<sup>th</sup> year and I am so excited and honored to work with such a wonderful staff and group of students! As an elementary school counselor, my role is to provide support to students, teachers, and parents with the overall goal of student success.

I have a variety of fun lessons and activities planned during the year that will teach important life skills to all students as well as support and encourage them to have a successful year. I have the opportunity to meet with each class (Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup>) two times per month. My lessons this year will focus on the D51 Social and Emotional Learning Standards of Self-Awareness- "I am aware of what I'm feeling and thinking." and Self-Management- "I can manage what I'm doing with my feelings and thoughts."

Along with these lessons we will have ongoing class discussions that focus on using kind words, being a good friend, dealing with bullying situations, problem solving, growth mindset, personal safety, and maintaining our school as a caring community. In August, the counselor lessons will focus on ROAR behavior, an introduction to what the school counselor does, and a getting to know you activity.

In addition to classroom workshops, I will offer small groups where students will work with others who may be dealing with similar life issues. These groups will focus on topics such as grief, changing families, social skills, feelings, friendship, etc. Participation in small groups will happen as students are identified and referred by their classroom teacher, parent or guardian, or by a personal request. Small group activities for students will happen during a time that is least disruptive to classroom learning, and will happen only with parent permission. I believe that small group workshops can be a powerful way for students to connect and share similar experiences in a safe environment. As needed, I will also meet with students on a brief individual basis to offer more focused

support. If together we decide that your child would benefit from professional counseling services, I can also provide a list of outside counselors that may best fit your family's needs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to call me at 254-6770 ext. 5. I look forward to sharing a wonderful year with your family!

Respectfully,

Kristen Walke  
Rim Rock Elementary School Counselor



## Important Dates:

September 1: Educator Effectiveness Day - No School

September 4: Labor Day - No School

September 5: Teacher Plan Day - No School

September 7: PTO Meeting

September 14: SAC Meeting

September 22: Picture Day

October 5: PTO Meeting

October 4 & 6: Ameritowne (5th Grade)

October 6: Walk to School Day

October 10: 4th Grade Music Performance (Holloway/Ripple)

October 12: 4th Grade Music Performance (Hoffman/Nicholson)

October 17 & 18: Conferences 4:00 - 8:00

October 24 & 25: Conferences 4:00 - 8:00

October 26 & 27: - No School

November 2: PTO Meeting

November 10: Teacher Plan Day - No

## School

November 14: 3rd Grade Music Performance (Moncy/Williams)

November 16: 3rd Grade Music Performance (Reynolds/Duprey)

November 16 : SAC Meeting

November 20 - 24: Thanksgiving Break

November 30 - December 2: Harley Toy Drive

December 5: 1st Grade Concert (Clark/Butterfield)

December 7: 1st Grade Concert (Pewters/Bingham)

December 7: PTO Meeting

December 24 - January 8: Winter Break

January 15: MLK Day - No School

February 1: PTO Meeting

February 5: 2nd Grade Concert (Arevian/Helms)

February 6: 2nd Grade Concert (Myers/Steele)

February 8: Conferences 4:00 - 8:00

February 12 & 13: Conferences 4:00-8:00

February 15 & 16 No School

February 19: School Holiday

March 1: PTO Meeting and SAC Meeting

March 5: Kindergarten Concert (Bricker)

March 6: Kindergarten Concert (Mixon)

March 8: PTO Meeting 4:00 pm

March 9: No School

March 12 - 16: Spring Break

April 5: PTO Meeting

April 26: SAC Meeting

May 2: Conferences 4:00-8:00

May 3 & 4: No School

May 8: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert (Bennett/Slipka)

May 10: 5th Grade concert

(Rayside/Wheatley)

May 24: Last Day of School

**This will be the last paper copy of the ROAR report unless you do not have an email address – please make sure your information is up-to-date so you can stay “in the know.” We also post on our webpage.**